

Fresh Waters of the Spirit Flow

Eze. 47:8-9; Isa. 40:4-5; Mt. 21:21; Rev. 19:11
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Fresh waters of the Spirit flow
from heaven on the earth;
they through cascading courses grow,
and flood the rising firth,
where men and kingdoms cave and sink,
where new creations rise,
where they the wine of wisdom drink
and see with other eyes.

The holy mountain, towering, stands
and sends the torrent down:
God's mighty foot, it there commands
our knee, and forfeit crown;
He rests His heel on holy ground
and means to rest it still,
while healing whole the world around,
all things for Him to fill.

The Lord our Righteousness - 'twas He
Who scaled the mountain first,
its sheer cliffs cut and planed to be
His channels far dispersed:
He sends His Spirit out, to feed
His own with broken bread,
and all the little ones to lead,
ascending in His stead.

The Holy Spirit animates
and gives them power to pray -
ravines to raise, and crooked straits
and hills to fling away,
that they together with their God
should tend a level plain,
His streams to nourish, deep as broad,
His hands to sift the grain.

The Lord His country shall complete
unto the end of days,
and ornament with glories sweet,
and gather in His praise:
His servants shall their bounty bring
before His royal hall,
and tread the crystal way, and sing,
rejoicing at His call.

The holy gaze of Christ the Lord
His people's joy commends;
each one besides, of one accord,
His fearful sight forbends -
and they are banished evermore
receiving each his due,
repenting not to right adore
the Faithful One and True.

The kingly court is thus refined
for all who faithful wait:
who calls upon the Lord will find
a home on His estate:
the Master's cup He freely gives;
'tis full, and overflows:
who loves Him, by His Spirit lives
and enters His repose. *Amen.*